

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on October 3, 2005 during which it was agreed that the finality of the office action of September 27, 2005 is withdrawn although the office action remains outstanding as a non-final action.

Claims 43 and 49 have been amended to respectively incorporate allowable claims 44 and 50. New claims 54 and 55 respectively correspond to allowable claims 45 and 51 rewritten in independent form. Claims 46, 48, 52 and 53 have been previously held allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed for two extra independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.